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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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This is a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 to extend the time period for responding to the Office Action dated August 9, 2002 in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the time period for reply be extended for a period of three months, from November 9, 2002 up to and including February 10, 2003.

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